

**UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
ARMS CONTROL AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY
WASHINGTON**

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, ARMS CONTROL AND
NONPROLIFERATION ADVISORY BOARD (ACNAB)**

**SUBJECT: Terms of Reference – ACNAB Study on Building International
Coalitions to Combat WMD Terrorism**

The ACNAB is requested to undertake a study on building international coalitions to combat weapons of mass destruction (WMD) terrorism.

The events of 9/11 demonstrated graphically the extent of the terrorist threat against the United States. The international reach of terrorist groups requires a coordinated, international effort to fight terrorism. Terrorists are increasingly interested in developing or acquiring WMD. It is believed that these groups will use such weapons if they are successful in obtaining them. The United States is undertaking efforts to build international coalitions to fight WMD terrorism, but more can and should be done to enhance these efforts.

It would be of great assistance if the ACNAB examination of U.S. efforts to build international coalitions to combat WMD terrorism could:

- Review current and projected WMD terrorist threats;
- Assess the effectiveness of current efforts in building international support for, and coordination of, WMD counter-terrorism activities;
- Identify the most effective means of securing international cooperation and building international coalitions to prevent and respond to WMD acquisition or use by terrorists, including the role of formal agreements and combined exercises; and
- Identify the elements of a targeted public-private outreach strategy to industries whose cooperation is essential to combating WMD terrorism (e.g. inter-modal transport, insurance, financial services, nuclear power utilities, internet/ISPs, biotech).

This study should be completed in 180 days. Completed work should be submitted to the office of the ACNAB Executive Directorate no later than October 1, 2006.

The Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security will sponsor the study. The Office of WMD Terrorism will support the study. Major Christopher Byrom will serve as the Executive Secretary for the study and Matthew Zartman will represent the ACNAB Executive Directorate.

The study will operate in accordance with the provisions of P.L. 92-463, the "Federal Advisory Board Committee Act."

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